The proposals of the Inspector-General in the matter of giving effect to the several recommendations of the Indian Jails Committee should be expedited.

The administration of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State was on the whole satisfactory during the year.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Mulberry topes.

READ—

Letter No. 1244, dated the 16th December 1921, from the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, submitting for the orders of Government, the resolutions of the Agricultural Board, regarding the measures to be adopted for encouraging the growth of mulberry *topes*.

2. Further correspondence ending with letter No. 802, dated 26th March 1925, from the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, forwarding for the orders of Government, extracts from the proceedings of the meeting of the Board held on the 14th March 1925, together with the resolution passed on the occasion, in the matter of the concessions to be granted for encouraging the growth of mulberry *topes*.

ORDER NO. I. C. 343-52—A. & E. 68-21-9, DATED 15TH JULY 1925.

In the letter first read above, the Agricultural Board recommended the following measures for encouraging the growth of mulberry *topes*:—

(i) that people wishing to grow mulberry *topes*, may be given suitable lands wherever available (not necessarily *gomal* or other communal lands) on certain concessions, such as exemption from the payment of assessment or the levy of reduced assessment for a number of years;

(ii) and that the Sericultural Department may establish demonstration farms to prove the utility of such *topes*, to the raiyats.

2. The Director of Agriculture who was consulted in the matter, is of opinion that these proposals which have the support of the Revenue Commissioner, may be sanctioned in their entirety, and that the Deputy Commissioners may be authorised to transfer to the Department of Sericulture, at the instance of the Superintendent, blocks of land not exceeding seven acres, for the formation of mulberry *topes*.

3. The matter was again referred to the Agricultural Board for opinion: and in the second letter read above, the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture has communicated the resolution of the Board re-affirming the previous resolution, with the addition that such lands might be given to the people on "Shraya" tenure, wherever necessary.

4. Government consider that it is necessary to encourage the growth of mulberry *topes*. They are accordingly pleased to sanction the following concessions in the case of people who desire to raise mulberry *topes*:—

(1) Unassessed Government waste lands and assessed dry land (if unoccupied at the time of disposal for ten or more years continuously) may, where no objection exists to its grant, be given free of assessment for three years from the date of the grant, after which the assessment fixed shall be levied as specified below:—

4th year	...	...	...	¼ assessment.
5th "	...	...	...	½ "
6th "	...	...	...	¾ "
7th year and thereafter		...	...	Full "

Gomal lands and lands set apart for other communal purposes should not ordinarily be given out for raising mulberry *topes*.

(2) The lands may be given to the applicants at an upset price to be fixed by the Deputy Commissioners. In the event of there being more applicants than one for the same land for raising a mulberry *tope*, the lands should be disposed of by auction. When the land asked for by an individual exceeds 50 acres, it should be granted only after obtaining the sanction of the Revenue Commissioner.

(3) Twenty-five per cent of the land comprised in the grant, should be planted with mulberry trees within the second year and another twenty-five per cent in each succeeding year, so that the whole area will be planted within five years. Failure to fulfil this condition will render the grant liable to be cancelled.

(4) The grantee shall be bound to take proper care of the mulberry trees and to replant trees in the place of those dying, or otherwise disappearing.

(5) The grantee shall be entitled to a title deed for the land, at the end of eight years; provided he has fulfilled all the conditions of grant sanctioned above.

5. Regarding the establishment of demonstration farms by the Sericultural Department to prove to the raiyats the utility of raising mulberry *topes*, the Director of Agriculture is requested to report for the information and orders of Government:—

(1) the description and extent of lands required for opening the demonstration farms;

(2) the number of farms and the places where they are to be located;

(3) the cost, if any, which will have to be incurred by Government on account of the farms proposed to be opened.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Minimum area for Cardamom Cultivation.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 12171-7—L. R. 249-20-3, dated 2nd May 1921, directing the reduction of the minimum area to be granted for cardamom cultivation from 5 to 2 acres tentatively for a period of three years and the submission of a report at the end of that period as to the result of the working of the reduced minimum.

2. Letter No. C. 3556—24-25, dated 1st July 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating with reference to the Government Order read above that both the Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur report that the applications for grant of lands for cardamom cultivation have increased owing to the reduced minimum and recommending sanction to the proposal of the Deputy Commissioners to permanently reduce the minimum from 5 to 2 acres, as the scheme is very popular.

ORDER No. R. 297-300—L. R. 43-25-2, DATED 14TH JULY 1925.

Under the circumstances reported, Government are pleased to direct that the minimum area to be granted for cardamom cultivation be permanently reduced from 5 acres to 2 acres.

2. A separate notification will also issue in the matter.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Revision of the Cadre of the Public Works Department.

READ—

1. Government Order No. P. W. 378-426—E. 1974-2027, dated the 9th September 1922, sanctioning the reorganization of the Public Works Department.

2. Government Order No. P. W. 1270-97—E. 10733-60, dated the 22nd June 1923, raising the Cadre of Assistant Engineers from 37 to 41.

3. Note dated 16th August 1924, by the Chief Engineer of Mysore, on the question of improving the prospects of Engineer Officers.

4. Notes ending with No. D. 797, dated the 6th February 1925, by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, on the subject.